

CONDITIONS AT MONTAUK.

SECRETARY ALGER BRINGS ABOUT
MUCH IMPROVEMENT.

—General Alger was not permitted to carry out his intention of roughing it with the soldiers last night, although he was much inclined to do

so, in spite of the threatening condition of the weather. There was every prospect of just as severe a storm as that which swept over Camp Wikoff Wednesday night, and General Wheeler's headquarters, where General Alger contemplated

President Baldwin urged General Alger to make use of his private car, which stood in no danger of having its roof blown off by any Long Island gale, and General Alger finally, though rather reluctantly, consented. He had not been in the car more than half an hour before the rain began to fall and the thunder to roll, and the General, whether he thought so or not, was

After breakfasting with General Wheeler this morning, General Alger again set out for a visit to the general hospital, this time accompanied by General Wheeler. He met the medical staff, and with them made another tour of the wards. One of the first things that caught his eye were a number of mud puddles left by last night's rain, and these he directed to be drained and filled in immediately. The guard,

which at the hospital has nothing particular to do, was at once put to work, and the puddles rapidly disappeared.

General Alger also recommended that at the head of each cot occupied by a sick soldier a card should be pinned, containing the soldier's name, rank, company and regiment and his condition from day to day, and that a book be kept in the hospital office, in which should be entered a complete record of any case brought into the hospital, with names and data.

As the General walked through the wards

As the general passed through the wards he stopped to chat with the men, as he did yesterday, and expressed again his sympathy for their illness and weakened condition. As he was passing down the head pavilion that connects the several wards he met a soldier walking toward him in pajamas and leaning upon a cane. The soldier recognized General Alger, and, stepping one side, saluted. General Alger raised

his hat and asked the soldier his name. "I am Corporal Boldt, sir, of the 13th Infantry," the soldier said.

"Ah, then you have been doing some fighting, haven't you?"

"Yes, sir; at San Juan."

"Then you want a furlough, do you not?"

"Yes, sir; I want one badly."

General Alger called for some paper, wrote out the furlough, had the chief surgeon attach his signature, and handed it to the soldier with the remark: "There, now, go pack your bag and get

With a glad smile the corporal saluted and went off to gather together his belongings, and the trophies he had picked up in Cuba, and the afternoon train had him for a passenger.

CUTTING RED TAPE.

Returning to the surgeons again, General Alger asked if there was anything he could do to assist them, and he was told that General Wheeler had had a lot of canned fruit, chickens

An orderly was at once dispatched to the Commissary Department, and within two hours the things were arriving in the hospital. Before leaving the general hospital General Alger also recommended that the hospital guard be doubled, and that the men sent there be pre-

From the general hospital General Alger rode over to see General Young, who has not been at all well of late, and then started back to General Wheeler's headquarters, making a wide detour to get on one of the high sand dunes, from which he could obtain a general

bird's-eye view of the camps. To get to the hill he had to pass between the camps of the 9th and 10th Cavalry, colored troops. The men were busy about camp, and no officer was in sight, but one of the colored men saw General Alker approaching, and they lined up along the road and saluted. The General walked without uncovered head until he had passed their lines. It was rather late when General Wheeler's headquarters were reached and luncheon was

served. Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, had dropped in, and as the party sat at luncheon the 3d Infantry, in command of Captain Hannay, which had been in the El Caney fight, and the 20th Infantry in command of Major McCaskey, which had participated in the battle at San Juan, marched up the hill, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Harbach, of the 3d, to the detention camp.

As they came up the road, General Alger expressed a desire to see them, and the party left their luncheon and went out to the bluff overlooking the road. As the head of the column approached, General Alger called out to Colonel Harbach, "I'm glad to see you." Colonel Harbach saluted with his sword, and each file as it passed by gave a marching salute to the two Generals and Senator Hoar. As they marched past General Alger remarked upon the awfully bad condition the men were in, and expressed the hope that the men would soon get over their

sickness here. In the afternoon there was a conference of the division commanders and General Alger. The Generals are to set forth their ideas of the needs and necessities of the camp.

To-night it is General Alger's intention to sleep in a tent at General Wheeler's headquarters and no amount of persuasion will prob-

MUCH GOOD ALREADY DONE.

General Alger's visit, short as it has been so far, has been productive of wonderful good to the camp hospitals and soldiers. By his au-

thority he has been able to accomplish for the hospital what the medical staff has been striving for two weeks to attain. He has corrected many things that needed correction; he has improved the means of transportation; has had quantities of lumber drawn to the new hos-

had quantities of lumber drawn to the new hospital annex; has had extra carpenters secured; and the work on the hospital annex is now progressing rapidly and with renewed enthusiasm.

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WILL SICK ON THE RIO GRANDE

The following is the list of names of soldiers transferred from the transport Rio Grande to the hospital at Fort Wadsworth. All of the men are

ALDEN PARKER, private, 8th Regiment.
BENJAMIN E. CAMPBELL, corporal, Company G, 7th
Regiment.
WILLIAM J. SNYDER, private, Company R, 2d Calif.
Regiment.

CHARLES C. WHITNEY, corporal, Company B, 24th Cavalry.
SAMUEL W. CARTER, musician, Company B, 24th Infantry.
LAWRENCE G. BALDWIN, private, Company B, 22nd Infantry.
JOHN L. DISLON, private, Company G, 71st Infantry.

JOHN ST. CLAIR, private, Company E, 1st Cavalry